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1. According to recent information, nine KNOJ Divisions of the Yugoslav Army have been reduced to five divisions as a result of the careful screening process occasioned by the tightened security measures being made throughout Yugoslavia.
2. Special detachments of KNOJ have been authorized, composed of from 350 to 500 men, which will be assigned to each division in time of war. The special detachments will be under the direct command of the political commissar of the division and will be used solely for putting down any insurrection or open revolt among the troops. The KNOJ units, made up of men loyal to Tito, will not be used on the front lines, but will remain in the immediate vicinity behind the troops.
3. The Yugoslav General Staff has already ordered these special detachments to be attached to each division, indicating that the Army is on war-time footing.
4. It is not clear whether or not these special KNOJ units make up the newly formed "Army for the Defense of the Regime" (AOP).

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